



## Texas Chicken and Egg Report

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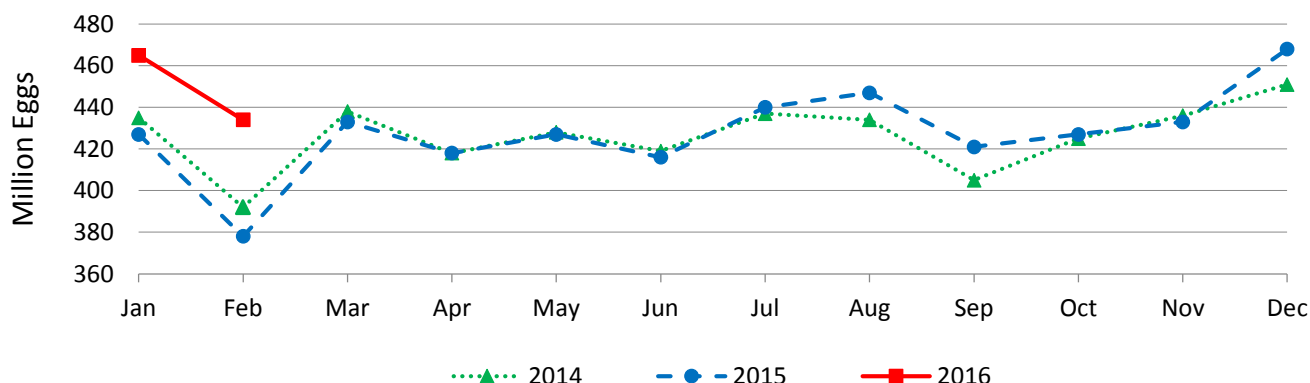
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This report contains the results from the March 2016 Chicken and Egg Survey. The estimates in this report are based on a monthly survey of contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 laying hens for table egg and/or hatchery supply. We would like to thank all producers whose responses to the survey made these estimates for Texas possible. Results from the next monthly survey will be made available on April 22, 2016.

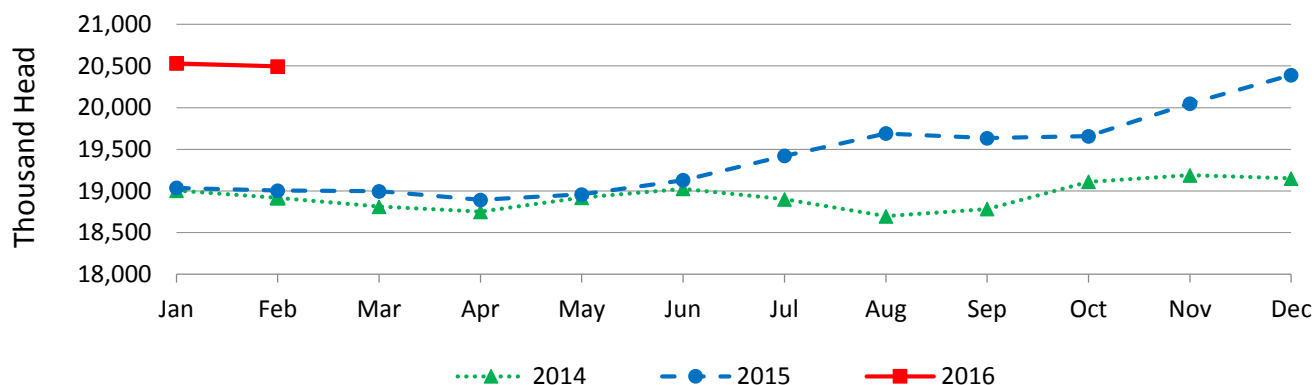
February 2016 egg production in Texas totaled 434 million eggs, up 15 percent from February 2015, but down 7 percent from January 2016.

### Texas Monthly Egg Production

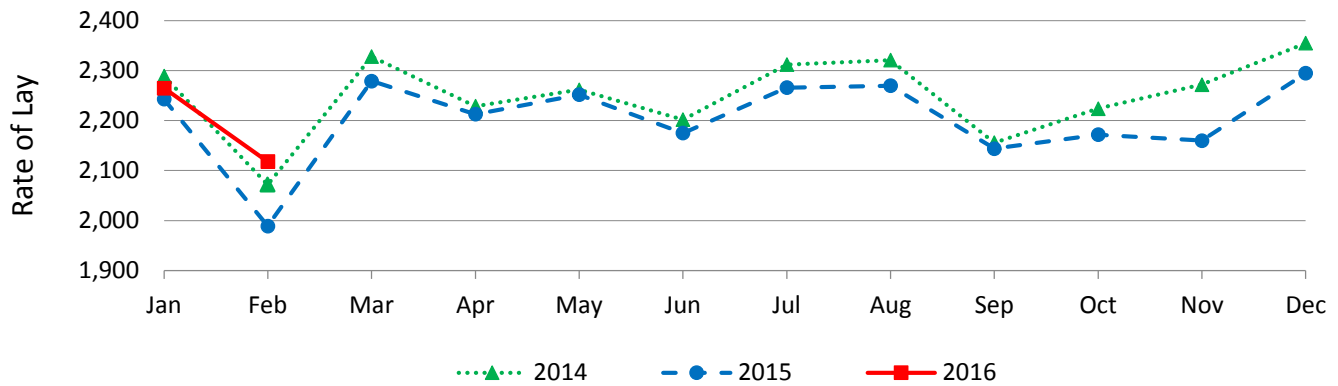


The number of layers during February 2016 averaged 20.5 million, 8 percent higher than last year, but slightly lower than January 2016. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,118 eggs, up from last year's 1,989 eggs, and down from last month's 2,265 eggs.

### Texas Average Layers During the Month



## Texas Monthly Eggs Produced Per 100 Layers



**U.S. Highlights:** United States egg production totaled 7.79 billion eggs during February 2016, 1 percent above a year ago. Production included 6.73 billion table eggs, 980 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 84.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 356 million during February 2016, down 3 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,190 eggs during February, up 4 percent from last year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 50.5 million, 17 percent higher than February 2015. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 749 million, was 5 percent higher than February of last year. The leading U.S. breeders placed 8.10 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2016, up 2 percent from February 2015.

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